

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 12: CONSERVATION

Chapter 915: HUNTING: SEASONS, REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS HEADING: PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (new); Pt. D, §7 (aff); c. 614, §9 (aff)

§11108-C. ELIGIBILITY AND RESTRICTIONS FOR A JUNIOR HUNTING LICENSE

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Adult supervisor" means:

- (1) The parent or guardian of the junior hunter; or
- (2) A person 18 years of age or older who:
 - (a) Is approved by the parent or guardian of the junior hunter; and
 - (b) Holds or has held a valid Maine hunting license or meets the requirements of section 11105. [2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW).]

B. "In the presence of" means in visual and voice contact without the use of visual or audio enhancement devices, including but not limited to binoculars and citizen band radios. [2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW).]

[2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW) .]

2. Eligibility. A resident or nonresident who is at least 10 years of age and under 16 years of age may obtain a junior hunting license, which allows that person to hunt subject to the conditions set out in this section.

[2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW) .]

3. Supervision of junior hunters. A hunter who is at least 10 years of age and under 16 years of age may not hunt unless that person holds a junior hunting license and is in the presence of and under the effective control of an adult supervisor.

[2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW) .]

4. Supervision of junior hunters 16 years of age. A hunter 16 years of age who obtained a junior hunter license before that person reached 16 years of age may not hunt with that license unless the person is in the presence of or under the effective control of an adult supervisor or the person has successfully completed a hunter safety course acceptable under section 11105. The following penalties apply to a violation of this subsection:

- A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged; and [2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW).]
- B. A person who violates paragraph A after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW).]

[2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW) .]

5. Expiration of junior hunting license issued to person 15 years of age. A junior hunting license issued to a person who is 15 years of age is valid through the calendar year for which the license is issued. In addition to the requirements of subsection 4, all other permit requirements applicable to a person who is 16 years of age or older apply to a person who continues to hunt with a junior hunting license under this subsection after reaching that person's 16th birthday.

[2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW) .]

6. Penalties for supervisors of junior hunters. A person who is the adult supervisor of a holder of a valid junior hunting license when that junior hunter violates any provision of this Part pertaining to hunting:

A. Commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged; and [2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW) .]

B. After having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period, commits a Class E crime. [2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW) .]

[2013, c. 538, §20 (NEW) .]

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